

Central Intelligence Agency



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The Editor  
The Wall Street Journal  
22 Cortlandt Street  
New York City, New York 10007

Dear Mr. Bartley:

I am not prone to giving helpful hints to journalists or newspapers, but in his October 17, 1985 article on the KGB defector, William Kucewicz goes to some length to discuss my Deputy John McMahon's involvement with Mr. Edward Howard. It is factually incorrect that either he or I took any step to have Howard resign or be fired. I suggest you have Mr. Kucewicz check the knowledgeability and veracity of his source. Additionally, the Agency's Public Affairs Office advises me that they attempted to return Mr. Kucewicz's call but could not locate him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. Casey".  
William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence